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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 25, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable BILL BARRETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Remind every person, O gracious God, that it is in giving that we receive, that we are blessed when we appreciate the unity that is Your will for us. Teach us, O God, that we can never be the people You would have us be unless we discern that our lives and hopes and dreams are intertwined with one another and that our good fortune is linked to the good fortune of others. As we have received the support of our family and friends through prayer and encouragement and counsel, so may we give of ourselves in service to others and so do the work of justice and mercy. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1026. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 201 East Pikes Peak Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1606. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 24 Corliss Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1328. An act to amend the commencement dates of certain temporary Federal judgments.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1995

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that fifteen 1-minutes will be allowed on each side this morning.

FIDEL CASTRO'S VISIT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today, Cuban tyrant Fidel Castro will leave the United States after having been the catalyst for the most shameful behavior seen in a long time. It was disgusting to observe how many ignored the documented repression in Cuba.

Let me remind world leaders that while they dined with Castro, thousands of political prisoners remain in Castro's gulags. Let me remind the American media, that while they asked Castro about who will win the World Series, 11 million Cubans continue to be denied their human rights. And let me remind United States business leaders, and even some of my congressional colleagues that while they glorified Castro, Cuban workers continue to live in misery, as they are paid almost nothing in Castro's new plantation style economy.

Ironically, in the midst of its 50th anniversary celebration, the United Nations was the clear loser, for that same organization which now wants to create global taxes, accepted and idolized as one of its own, the last tyrant of the hemisphere, and turned its back on the millions of Cubans who suffer under his dictatorship. Shame on all.

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